Western Uttar Pradesh. Instances of ISI sponsored activities have been coming to notice even in the past. However it has come to notice that a number of Bangladeshi nationals are reportedly staying illegally in District Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh. In the month of February, '95, some Bangladeshi nationals have been apprehended in NOIDA. The District authorities have been instructed to keep a close watch for apprehending Bangladeshi nationals by the State Government. As far as women of doubtful entity having Government employment in schools, the Uttar Pradesh Government has been asked to furnish information. This shall be placed before the House.

Detentions in Kashmir under TADA

460. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons detained under Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act in Jammu and Kashmir and in Union Territories for terrorist activities as on 1st January, 1995; and those detained under the Act for activities not connected with terrorism; and

(b) whether these cases have since been re-examined, if so, how many of them have been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Since law and order is a state subject, the provisions of the Act are invoked by the States/UTs in the light of the local conditions. The Govt. have been reiterating to the States/UTs that the provisions of the Act may be invoked only in cases of hard core terrorists and disruptionists and not against those for whom normal laws of the land are adequate. This Ministry does not maintain information regarding number of persons arrested under TADA for terrorists activities and non-terrorist activities.

Investigation into explosion in Rajdhani Express Trains

461. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Abu Bagar, one of the prime accused in series of explosion in Rajdhani Express trains in December, 1993 was released as neither the CBI nor the IB were inclined to continue investigation after his arrest; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for discontinuing the investigations into the explosions in Rajdhani Express trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Communal riots in the country

462. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many time the communal riots broke out in the country during 1994, as against those in 1993;

(b) what are the names of the States in which such riots broke out in 1994 stating the number of persons killed and the estimated loss of public and private property; and

(c) what has been the Central Government's role in dealing with communal riots and in checking communal violence in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) As public order is a State subject under List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the Central Government does not maintain information on communal riots/incidents. However, according to the information furnished by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, 2292 communal incidents/riots took place during the year 1993. As regards 1994, information has been made available by all the States and Union Territory Administrations except the States of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Mizoram and West Bengal. 130 communal incidents/riots were reported during the year 1994 from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, 23 persons were killed. The estimated loss of property was Rs. 52 lakhs.

(c) The Central Government has issued guidelines to the State Governments for the promotion of communal harmony and prevention of communal violence. The Central Government provides all possible assistance to the State Governments including sharing of intelligence/information, and deployment of paramilitary forces.

Killing of army officers by N.E. Insurgents

463. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commanding officer of the 16th Maratha Light Infantry and some other officers were killed by the N.E. insurgents at the fag end of 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any indepth inquiry to identify the chinks in the armour of not only the army but of the other security and intelligence agencies engaged in containing the insurgency in the North-East; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Actins Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. K. B. Poonacha, of the 16th Maratha Light Infantry and a Jawan were killed on December 27, 1994 at Mokokchung by Naga insurgents.

(b) and (c) There are no chinks in the armour of the Army/Security Forces and intelligence agencies. However, the insurgents have taken advantage of the difficult hilly terrain, jungles and other factors to launch attacks on Security Forces/Police Patrolling and search operations by the Security Forces/Police are continuing.

Repeal of TADA

464. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased ot state:

(a) whether Government are considering doing away with TADA prohibitions in view of its opposition in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) All aspects of the matter, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.